

Leave of Absence to Sri S.V. Patil Grant of —

MR SPEAKER:—I have received a letter from Sri S. V. Patil, Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave of absence from 17th July 1978 till closing of the current sittings of the Assembly.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Sri S.V. Patil to remain absent from 17th July 1978 till closing of current sittings ?

Hon'ble Members.—Yes.

MR. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION UNDER RULE 50

re : non. holding of elections of President and Vice President in Bangalore North and South Taluk Boards.

† SRI S.R. BOMMAI (Hubli)--Election of Presidents and Vice Presidents to the Taluk Boards are to be held under the provisions of the Act, and elections were held to all the Taluk Boards in the State except Bangalore North and South Taluks. When this matter was raised under Rule 312, the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the portfolio did not give any clear opinion or the desire of the Government. However, the Hon'ble Revenue Minister Sri. B. Basavalingappa stated that he is going to amend the Act and till such time the election of Presidents and Vice Presidents to these taluk Boards will not be held.

I want to raise, that matter. The statement of the Hon. Minister shows that for political motives he wants to postpone the elections, to two Taluk Boards while the entire state election has been held. If the Government acts on political motives and tries to curtail the democratic rights where we are leading to ? Unless the Government comes out with a categorical assurance that the elections to these two Taluk Boards are to be held according to law, I don't think it is fair on our part to resort to such method. The reason given is that there are MLAs and MLCs who are entitled to vote as Members of the Board. How can you prevent it ? Therefore, the Minister by making such a statement has misled the House.

ವ್ಯಕ್ತರು—ಈ ವಿಚಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ನಡೆದ ದೀರ್ಘ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಳೆಂಟು ಜನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರೂ ಸಹ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ತರಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. This is a matter which has been discussed in the same Session. Therefore it is not desirable to discuss it again.

SRI S.R. BOMMAI—Can a Minister behave in such an authoritative way and put an end to the democratic process under law. According to his whims and fancies, he cannot say that the elections could be